

Minutes of the CHNC March 25, 1958

The meeting convened at 8:40 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bailey, 20 Farley Avenue. Present were:

William King	Ray Pazier
Ralph Sims	Stan Winters
Ralph W. Riley	Elsie P. Smith
Willie O. Howerton	Florence Geynor
Florence K. Thomas	George J. Brenn
Mildred Helms	Dan Feldberg
William Wallace	Grace Golat
Stanley Aronowitz	Sol Fanshel
Lee Bailey	Stanley Hallett
William Bailey	Charles Jacobs, Jr.
Pauline VanBusch	Anne Brown
Emma S. Pitts	Helen Winters

Ralph Sims read the minutes of the February 15 meeting in the absence of the Secretary Dr. Alfred Finn. A correction made to the minutes; that the complaint and letter of Mr. Keeling was also sent to Councilman Cooper, the Mayor and Mr. Keeling; was noted and approved with the minutes.

Mrs. VonBusch made a brief statement concerning the installation of officers meeting and tour at the Museum. She mentioned the dignity with which the ceremony was performed.

Rev. Hallett read the report of Dr. Haskin concerning the inspection of thirteen rooming houses in the Clinton Hill region. It stated that the inspections had been completed and that his department would now proceed to have violations corrected. There was approval of a suggestion that these positive results be publicized. In connection with the housing problem there followed discussion of a suggestion presented by the Seymour Avenue Branch stating there should be included on "for sale" signs information about zoning and for what purpose the building being sold may be used. Mr. Arthur, of the City's Housing Department, it was pointed out was also considering legislation related to this problem. Other suggestions were for the Zoning Committee to consider sending letters to Real Estate agents in the area about having such information put on signs and that the report of Dr. Haskins be sent to the block branches for closer work on the violations. Mr. Brenn cautioned the group not to press minor violations at the expense of big ones. The discussion ended with the recommendation that the Zoning Committee consider the suggestions presented.

Ralph Sims read a letter from Representative Keam pledging his support on the renewal project.

Mrs. Pitts reported on action taken on Mr. Keeling's complaint filed through the CHNC. Mr. Keeling contrary to the wishes of the Council went to the Police Department alone. As a follow-up the Council asked for a report of the results of the investigation from the Commissioner. Mr. Keeling said he received, in essence, an apology by the officers. The Chadwick Avenue Branch on this visit also received promise of cooperation in connection with violations in its block.

Bill Wallace, Chairman of the Public Affairs Committee, introduced the card, prepared for distribution, for the questioning of candidates in the coming municipal elections. Suggestions and comments were made about the card and the questionnaire were made and discussed.

Rev. Stanley Hallett asked for \$25.00 appropriation to have the Boy Scouts distribute 5,000 cards. Executive Board members contributed the money for this purpose on the spot:

Rev. Hallett.....	\$5.00
Mr. Brenn.....	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Winters.....	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Bailey.....	5.00
Mr. Wallace.....	1.00
Mr. Beverton.....	1.00
Mrs. Pitts.....	.50
Mr. Thomas.....	.50
Mr. King.....	.50
Mrs. Helms.....	.50
Mr. Sims.....	.50
Mrs. Gaynor.....	.50

The report from the Program Committee was presented for approval by the Board. They proposed May 18 as the date of the 3rd Annual Conference. It is to be held at the Clinton Place Junior High School or South Side High School. The conference will be roundtable and specific study group in nature. ~~The/subject/~~ There will be five possible themes for the conference. The following slogan was subsequently agreed upon: "Clinton Hill Speaks For Progress.")

The Board authorized the appropriation of the money for rental of a building for the May Conference.

Stanley Winters read a resolution to be sent to the city administration asking them to name the proposed park in honor of Rev. Curtis Gayer. The resolution was approved with no dissents. A motion was passed, after discussion, to also have a press release of the highlights of the letter. Rev. Hallett and Mrs. Helms dissented.

A letter was read which set forth the non-partisan position of the Council. Because of the persistence of district leaders in Council meetings, it was decided to send this letter to each candidate and to the press. The letter and the position expressed within were approved by the delegates.

The next order of business was the Clean-up Campaign. The City will hold its campaign between May 5 and May 11. The Council with the Junior Chamber of Commerce will hold its drive between May 3 and May 13. The J.C.'s will give prizes to the homes showing most improvement. A meeting of the Clean-up Committee and Chamber of Commerce will be held April 7 at the home of 583 Bergen Street.

New block branches were approved and the potential block groups were presented by Stanley Aronowitz from the Block Organizing Committee. New Block Branches: Hillside Ave., Chadwick Ave., Hunterdon St., 12th Street., Rose Terrace. The following are potential block branches: White Terrace, Ridgewood Ave., Baldwin Ave., Treacy Ave., Johnson Ave., 13th St., Peabine Ave.

Grace Gohat reported on the Associated Community Council's One Day Conference "Community Councils -- Citizens in Action." It will be held Saturday, April 19 at the Military Park Hotel from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. \$2.00 will cover all costs including coffee break, lunch, and registration. The discussion groups are:

- Establishing Lines of Communications to Municipal Agencies
- Providing Neighborhood Services
- Community Councils and Changing Neighborhoods

- D. Recreation
- E. Effective Public Relations
- F. Leadership Training

There were also three additional workshops the CHNC will suggest to the Associated Community Councils. (These suggestions were later incorporated under C. Community Needs

The approval of the proposed Advisory Board was deferred to a later meeting.

The report of the Constitution Committee highlighted additions and changes in the present document. Detailed consideration will be undertaken at the next Executive Board Meeting. The Committee got permission to formulate By-laws to the Constitution.

Motions were passed to extend sympathy to Miss Marian Frederick's at the passing of her mother and to Mr. and Mrs. Goint at the passing of his father.

The Financial report showed an income of \$198.74 with a disbursement of \$14.20.

The next Executive Board meeting will be held April 23 at the home of Mr. William King, 900 South 11th Street.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Sizs
Acting Recording Secretary